

RESOLVE

PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE
TO THE QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS.

Resolved, By both houses, (the same being agreed to by a majority of the senators and two-thirds of the members of the house of representatives, present and voting thereon:—)

That it is expedient to alter the constitution of this Commonwealth, by adopting the subjoined Article of Amendment, and that the same, as thus agreed to, be entered on the journals of the two houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the general court next to be chosen, and that the same be published, to the end that if agreed to by the general court next to be chosen, in the manner provided by the constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their ratification in order that it may become a part of the constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

The twenty-third Article of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, which is as follows, to wit:—

“No person of foreign birth shall be entitled to vote, or shall be eligible to office, unless he shall have resided within the jurisdiction of the United States for two years subsequent to his naturalization, and shall be otherwise qualified, according to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth: *provided*, that this amendment shall not affect the rights which any person of foreign birth possessed at the time of the adoption thereof: and *provided, further*, that it shall not affect the rights of any child of a citizen of the United States, born during the temporary absence of the parent therefrom,” is hereby wholly annulled.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 3, 1862.

The foregoing Resolve and Article of Amendment are agreed to by the House of Representatives, two-thirds of the members present, and voting thereon, having voted in the affirmative, and the Resolve and Article of Amendment are referred to the General Court next to be chosen.

Sent up for concurrence. W. S. ROBINSON, *Clerk*.

IN SENATE, March 8, 1862.

The foregoing Resolve and Article of Amendment are agreed to, in concurrence, a majority of the members present, and voting thereon, having voted in the affirmative.

S. N. GIFFORD, *Clerk*.